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5. The recent rains are a perfect example why the most heavily contaminated Kerr-McGee areas must be excavated and/or treated without delay.
6. Part of the reason for our concern is toxicological. The greater part of our concern is immunotoxicological. For further information on that problem, please have your staff call me.
7. It is becoming apparent that the drinking water of schools, hospitals, restaurants, government buildings, etc. has been and continues to be at risk. It is not wise to drink tap water that has not been subject to reverse-osmosis treatment. The SNWA has detected 7.6 ppb and 9.6 ppb in two in-valley pumping stations carrying surface water. We request emergency regulations requiring the installation of reverse-osmosis units statewide and a recommendation that no one drink tap water that has not been subject to reverse-osmosis without delay. Perchlorate contaminated water at any level is not fit for human consumption at any level. There is no acceptable level of contamination and the nature of the chemical is such that suggests that future research results will not be reassuring. We are aware of the economic implications of our recommendations but we are also aware of the public health implications.

We request a clear statement of your position regarding each of the above seven requests. Thank you. Robert W. Hall, M.S. (Research and educational associate, American Academy of Environmental Medicine.)